

Board of Commissioners

July 2, 2007 – 8:45 am

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Minutes

May 31, 2007; June 4, 2007; June 19, 2007; June 19, 2007 executive session. Gogel made a motion to approve. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Claims

Gogel made a motion to approve claims. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Riverboat

Lueken explained that more money needs to be appropriated from the Riverboat fund for legal fees in the 231 Adult Plaza litigation. Logsdon made a motion to request \$30,000 from the Riverboat fund be appropriated. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Trash Dumping

Rininger stated the dumping has continued on the county road by John Schroeder’s house. Some names have been dug out of the trash and the Sheriff’s department is investigating. Someone had placed a sign saying “County Dump Site #2”, which was removed. Logsdon asked if the county has an ordinance. Lueken stated that in the past Solid Waste has taken care of that kind of ordinance. Logsdon stated that we need to have an ordinance with some real consequences.

House in St. Meinrad

A letter was sent to the commissioners from John and Phyllis Bender on behalf of several families in their neighborhood regarding a home at the corner of Third and Main Street in St. Meinrad. The yard is overgrown and becoming a traffic hazard and a haven for animals. Gogel stated he spoke with Highway Superintendent Painter about the county mowing the right-of-way. Gogel will report back.

Burn Ban

Shelton asked if the burn ban needs to be lifted. Rininger felt the ground is still to dry. Gogel stated that even though it is a close call he felt there has been a significant amount of rain. Logsdon felt it could be lifted. Gogel made a motion to lift the ban and reevaluate at the next meeting. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Trending Bid Opening

Assessor Arnold explained that the bid opening is for the contract for trending in 2007 and 2008, which will bring the county to the next reassessment. Rininger asked if reassessment will still be necessary. Arnold stated that no one knows because the legislature could change things again.

Arnold asked the commissioners to meet after the next council meeting for a quick special meeting to sign the contract after the council appropriates the money, because she cannot afford to wait until the next commissioners meeting. Rininger stated that will not be a problem.

Lueken opened and read the bids as follows:

Reller’s Southern IN Appraiser	\$69,700.00
Appraisal Research Corp.	\$129,755.00
Tyler Technologies – CLT Div.	\$108,400.00
Nexus Group	\$115,000.00 plus \$750 per day for commercial, industrial and utility assessments

Arnold stated that she will have to review the bid proposals before she can recommend which bid to accept. In order to meet the advertising deadline with the paper, Gogel made a motion to request an additional of \$130,000 and have Arnold ask the council to approve the correct amount at the meeting. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

The representative from Tyler Technologies addressed the commissioners and assured them that Tyler is familiar with Indiana appraisals and has people from Indiana doing the work. Kurt Reller of Reller's Southern Indiana Appraiser stated that since they have done the work in the past year, they have already reviewed the sales and are ready to continue the work.

Jail Cameras

Sheriff Lindsey stated that Chief Deputy McDurmon has been working with Koorsen and they have given the county a proposal to replace all existing cameras with color vandal resistant cameras plus add three additional cameras. The proposal includes installation and training. The cameras will be paid for out of the jail budget and no additional money needs to be appropriated. Rininger asked if this will cover all the areas needed to be covered. Lindsey said yes, it will be a tremendous upgrade. Logsdon made a motion to approve the upgrade. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Surveyor – Full Time Help

Surveyor Sublett stated that he went before the council to request a full time deputy and was told to come back at budget time. He stated that the sharing of an assistant with the plan commission is not working. He needs someone in the office to deal with the office work so he can concentrate on the field work. Sublett also stated he would like to move the office back to the basement. He requested that for the time being, the commissioners assign Jones to his office for one half of the week and to the Plan Commission one half of the week. Rininger stated that the commissioners need to have a meeting with all involved; Sublett, Theresa Cail and Elaine Jones.

Homeland Security Grant

Perdue presented the paperwork for the commissioners to sign that had to be redone for the \$17,902 grant for the laptops and the GIS website. Gogel made a motion to sign the grant. Logsdon seconded. All in favor. The commissioners all complimented Perdue on his work.

Courthouse Rest Rooms

A problem with the floor of the men's rest room on the first floor of the courthouse was discussed. Shelton will discuss the problem with King and Selzer and have them obtain estimates on cleaning and sealing the floor.

Courthouse Rotunda

Jules Mominee of Mominee Studios showed slides of the work done on the rotunda stained glass. He detailed the process used from start to finish. Mominee stated that the safety net will stay in place until the final inspection is done. Gehlhausen of Indiana 15 stated that the grant will close out at the end of October and the Division of Historical Preservation will inspect before the final payment is made. Mominee stated that he will also come back in October or November to re-inspect. The commissioners thanked Mominee for a job well done.

Gehlhausen stated that since the grant used were federal funds, the federal legislators were contacted and some of them would like to have a formal dedication of the rotunda. Dates were discussed; August 21st was suggested because commissioners and the councilmen both have meetings that day. Gehlhausen will contact the board when a date is set. Mominee stated he will bring a slide show to run in the background of the dedication.

Shelton asked the commissioners if she could have King get estimates on replacing the missing light covers in the courthouse. Rininger stated the commissioners gave King permission to replace them last year.

Drainage Ordinance 2007-07

Logsdon explained the proposed drainage ordinance would allow expenditures from the COIT fund, CEDIT fund, Cumulative Bridge fund (where permitted by Statute), and other funds on both regulated and unregulated major drains and their tributaries. Logsdon made a motion to approve Ordinance 2007-07. Gogel stated that the county needs to do something or stop talking about it. He said he will not commit to what fund should be used or how much should be appropriated. Logsdon added that this ordinance does not affect the current regulated drain assessments. Rininger asked how maintenance on these drains will be handled. Logsdon stated he does not have an answer right now; the task force is still discussing it. Logsdon stated that

the Drainage Board will make a minimum of two reports a year to the council and the commissioners on the progress made. Gogel seconded the earlier motion. All in favor.

Storm Water Management

Lueken suggested that a storm water management ordinance be looked into before the new ethanol plant breaks ground. Logsdon asked if that is something that should be addressed by the Zoning and Planning Administration. Lueken stated that Warrick County is moving this type of ordinance through their board of commissioners. Engineer Lloyd stated she has some sample ordinances and will see if she has anything regarding storm water. Lueken and Lloyd will research and report back to the commissioners.

County Website

Kevin Hunter presented the commissioners with a copy of the draft of the logo and the home page of the proposed county website. He explained that the home page will be an event calendar. Shelton asked the commissioners if they wanted to transfer the money from within their budget to get the website started. Logsdon made a motion to approve a \$375 transfer and start the design of the website. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

County Health Insurance

Mary Beth Hurst of SIHO and Pete Franzman of Franzman Insurance discussed the health care expenses of the last year and explained the options available for the coming year. Logsdon made a motion to stay with Lloyd's and stay with the \$50,000 specific level, all as it currently stands again for next year. Gogel seconded. All in favor. Franzman suggested the county hold the health fair again in the coming year and the commissioners can then offer a discount to employees that participate. Franzman also suggested putting a committee together of department heads to discuss future benefit changes. Logsdon asked for it to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Legal Report

Kimball Appeal – Lueken explained that the hearing is coming up for the Kimball appeal and the necessity of hiring a professional to represent the county. Logsdon asked what would happen if a professional is not hired. Assessor Arnold stated that two counties who did not hire an expert lost their appeal by Kimball and had to pay back thousands of dollars. Logsdon made a motion to sign the agreement. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Dump Truck Financing – Lueken presented a finance agreement for the highway dump trucks to the commissioners and recommended it be signed. Gogel made a motion to sign the agreement. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Highway Report

Painter stated that Ivan Kuehn has requested that the roads in the subdivision he developed be turned over to the county. Rininger asked Painter and Lloyd to inspect and report back with a recommendation.

Engineer Report

Lloyd reported that the Orchard Road project will be ready for bid in August.

Meeting Time

Logsdon requested that the commissioners come early to the next meeting to discuss Major Moves, CEDIT, and drainage. Rininger suggested that the regular meeting start an hour early. The meeting on July 17th is now scheduled to begin at 1:30 pm.

Public Safety Building

Perdue and Gehlhausen spoke with Indiana Homeland Security and were encouraged to resubmit the application for the public safety building with a few improvements. Logsdon suggested getting the long range planning committee back together to discuss the options available for this and existing county buildings. The topic will be put on the agenda for the meeting on July 17th to set a date for the long range planning committee to meet.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am.

Board of Commissioners,

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Attest:	

_____ Cindy Shelton, Auditor	_____
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